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High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,[1]

Recalling also its resolutions 62/209 of 19 December 2007 and 63/233 of 19 December 2008, in which it decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2009,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation submitted pursuant to its resolutions 62/209 and 63/233,[2]

Reaffirming its previous resolutions relevant and pertaining to South-South cooperation,

Taking note of the growing importance of South-South cooperation, and recognizing the increased role undertaken by the United Nations to support economic cooperation activities among developing countries,

Stressing that South-South cooperation, as an important element of international cooperation for development, offers viable opportunities for developing countries in their individual and collective pursuit of sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

[2] A/63/741, annex.

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Stressing also that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation,

Recalling the United Nations resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,[3] and acknowledging the Havana Programme of Action adopted by the first South Summit,[4] the Marrakesh Framework for the Implementation of South-South Cooperation[5] and the Doha Plan of Action adopted by the Second South Summit,[6]

Welcoming with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Kenya to host the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

1. *Decides* that the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation:

(a) Will be held at Nairobi from 1 to 3 December 2009;

(b) Will be held at the highest possible level;

(c) Will have as its overarching theme "Promotion of South-South cooperation for development";

(d) Will consist of plenary meetings and interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the following sub-themes:

(i) Strengthening the role of the United Nations system in supporting South-South and triangular cooperation;

(ii) South-South and triangular cooperation for development: complementarities, specificities, challenges and opportunities;

(e) Will result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome;

(f) Will also result in summaries by the Chairperson;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, consistent with the overarching theme of the Conference, reviewing the trends in South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, reviewing also the progress made by the international community, in particular the United Nations, in supporting and promoting such cooperation and identifying new opportunities, as well as challenges and constraints and measures to overcome them;

3. *Reiterates* the role of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation within the United Nations Development Programme as a separate entity and a focal point for South-South cooperation within the United Nations system, and requests the Unit to continue to provide the necessary substantive and technical support to the preparatory process for the Conference;

4. *Encourages* Member States and their partners, including non-governmental organizations, to consider preparing reports on South-South and triangular cooperation for the purpose of the Conference, on a voluntary basis,

[3] Resolution 63/239, annex.
[4] A/55/74, annex II.
[5] A/58/683, annex II.
[6] A/60/111, annex II.

taking into account the themes of the Conference and the outcomes of regional, subregional or sectoral United Nations meetings prior to the Conference;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to initiate informal consultations with all Member States, in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, commencing at an appropriate date to enable sufficient discussion, with a view to producing a draft outcome prior to the Conference by the end of November 2009;

6. Invites United Nations organizations, including the specialized agencies, regional commissions and funds and programmes, to provide input to the preparations for the Conference;

7. *Invites* international and regional organizations, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to participate in the Conference, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the General Assembly;

8. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to participate in the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the preparatory process and the Conference;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the organizational arrangements for the Conference in cooperation with the Government of Kenya, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide a note on the organizational aspects of the Conference;

11. *Encourages* all Member States and other relevant stakeholders that are in a position to do so to consider supporting the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, including by making voluntary contributions through the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation;

12. *Decides* to postpone the sixteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 2 to 5 June 2009 to one convenient day in January 2010.

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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Kenya, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Thailand

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